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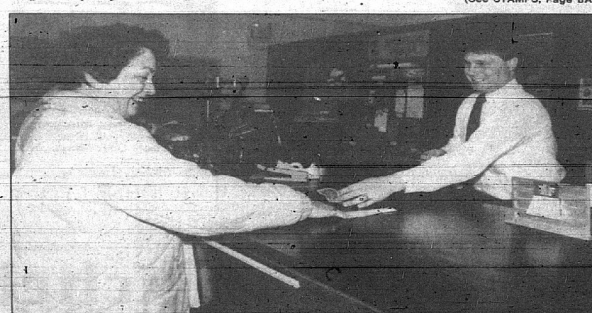
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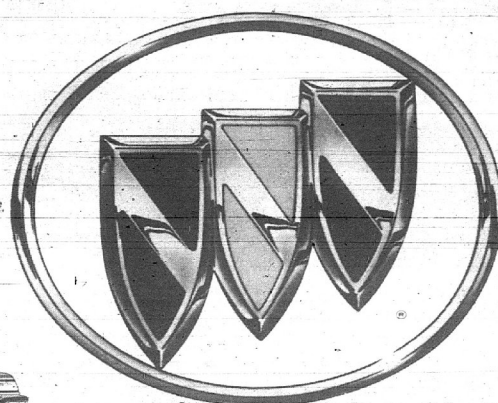
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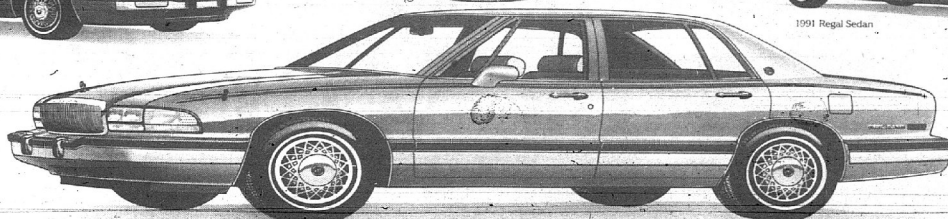
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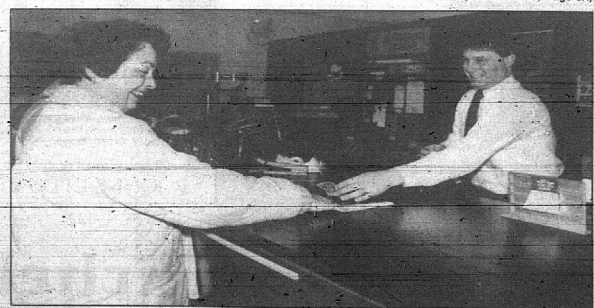
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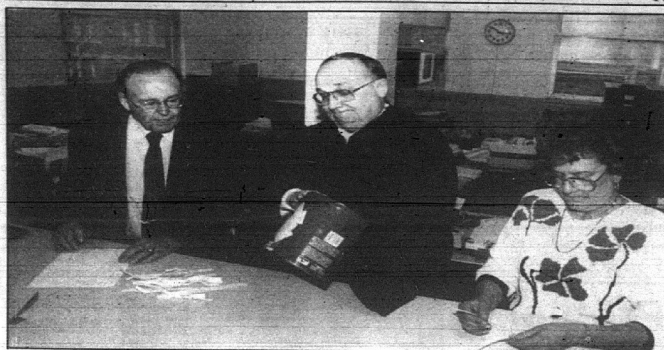
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4 incumbents tops on ballot

GRANITE CITY — Incumbents fared well in the lottery for ballot placement on Tuesday morning, with four of six winning the top spot.

The drawing, by Circuit Judge Paul Riley, was held in City Clerk Robert Stevens' office. A drawing was held for each office for which multiple candidates filed when filing opened Jan. 7.

All other candidates are automatically listed on the ballot in the order of the lottery.

Street Superintendent Mae Warfield got the top spot over Clayton "Jug" Harrison. For 1st Ward alderman, incumbent H. Frank Scarsdale over Juanita Crawley. For 3rd Ward alderman,

incumbent Paul Fisk over Jerry Yeager.

For 5th Ward alderman, Eddie Asadorian over incumbent Thomas Candier.

For 6th Ward alderman, Richard Kelly over incumbent Walter Milton. For 7th Ward alderman, incumbent Emerald Dawes over Sandra Crites.

Costello advises families of benefits

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Bellville, on Wednesday informed area families with loved ones serving as part of Operation Desert Storm that men and women called to active duty in recent months may be eligible for government benefits during combat activities against Iraq.

In 1940, Congress approved the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, legislation which affects most personnel called to active duty.

This law seeks to help them by reducing or suspending some of their financial burdens. The Act falls under Title 50 of the U.S. Code.

"It is important that local families know that they may be able to benefit from this law, which has been intended to assist our military personnel for over 50 years," Costello said.

One of the rules that affects almost all personnel called to active duty states that interest of no more than 6 percent a year

can be charged by a lender on a debt which a person on active duty in military service incurred before he or she went on active duty.

Another provision protects applicants from being evicted from rental property or from mortgaged property, as well as against the cancellation of life insurance.

"This law is intended to ease the burden on service men and women and their families at home which have to deal with the loss of income during wartime," Costello said.

The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday approved amendments to the Act, to allow for automatic health insurance reinstatement for military personnel, suspension of any eviction of the family of active duty personnel, and suspension of medical malpractice suits and insurance premiums against physicians participating in Operation Desert Storm.

Costello said that families

should contact their local financial institution or the military service hotlines listed below for further information on this assistance:

U.S. Army — 1-800-626-1440
U.S. Air Force — 1-800-253-9276
U.S. Navy — 1-800-732-1206
U.S. Marines — 1-800-523-2694.

"This war is happening in conjunction with an economic recession, which is putting additional hardships on these families," Costello said.

"This is yet another way for Congress and the nation to give our full support to the troops of Operation Desert Storm."

The Act applies to "persons in the military service," including: All persons on extended active duty, as part of the National Guard, Reserves, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard and all officers of the Public Health Service detailed for duty with the military service.

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The promotion was recommended by Police Chief Chief Ballew and the board's Police Committee.

Wallace joined the Pontoon Beach Police Department on Sept. 22, 1987.

He came to the village from the Venice Police Department, where he had served as a patrolman from May 1984, and had graduated from Belleville Area College's Police Training Institute.

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It seems war always brings shortages to those on the home front. In Iraq, for example, tires and spare parts were reportedly becoming scarce in the days leading up to the allied air attack.

Here in the Metro East, residents are facing shortages of a different kind—just try finding a detailed map of the Persian Gulf or a copy of the book "The Rape of Kuwait" or even a gas mask.

"I sold out of all the Israeli gas masks that I had," said John Helf, owner of the Belleville Surplus Store. "We've sold several hundred in the last five months."

Helf said that some of the gas masks had been sold to area residents who were going to Saudi Arabia. Others were sold to people worried about terrorism.

"It's all over the country, in any big metropolitan area," Helf said. "People are concerned."

Many less obvious items are selling briskly as a result of the war.

Earl's Sporting Goods, 3705B Nameoki Road in Granite City, reported overall sales were up this year, but said it wasn't directly attributable to the Persian Gulf war.

"The only thing I've noticed is we've sold a lot more American flag patches," said a buyer for the store. "Really, they're for Boy Scouts to sew on their uniforms, but we're selling them to a lot of

other people too."

B Dalton Bookseller in St. Clair Square has seen a small invasion of people hungry for information on the Gulf war.

"Right now we are out of just about everything (having to do with the war)," said Assistant Manager Sue Randant. "The only thing we have right now is world atlases, and not many of those."

Randant said customers cleaned out a display of maps on the Middle East crisis by the end of last week, and a shipment of "The Rape of Kuwait" books sold out in three days. Dalton is also sold out of a biography of Saddam Hussein, and a book called "From Beirut to Jerusalem" has been a hot seller.

Even Doc's Tattooing in Collinsville has seen an increase in business as a result of the war, owner Brian "Doc" Herman said.

"Normally, I only get a limited amount of Air Force people in here," Herman said. "But lately I've been getting quite a few Air Force people, and I've done a few Army and Marines, too. Last month I had about 15 Marines, Army and Air Force. I normally only do one or two a month."

Herman said the military men have been opting for cartoons, or for their divisional insignia. He said he always gives them a price break.

"A lot of them were going over there," Herman said. "Some were just on leave, or on standby at Scott."

Edgar stressing cutbacks

SPRINGFIELD — The slogan of the new Edgar administration seems to be "Waste not, want not."

Edgar has ordered his office and all agencies under his command to conserve by using stationery with the Jim Thompson logo on it until all supplies are used up.

"We have about 25,000 (Thompson) letterhead pages left over and the staff and agencies will use that up before going to the new supply," said Dan Eglier, a spokesman for the governor's office.

Sixty thousand sheets of Edgar-embossed sheets of stationery already have been purchased for \$1,000, Eglier said.

On his second full day in office, Edgar cut his 182-member security staff by more than 35 to save money.

But the governor, who has taken to walking the two blocks between his official mansion and the Capitol rather than wasting gas, isn't the only new constitutional officer concerned with frugality.

"We're going to slice up the old stationery and use it for scrap paper, note pads, that kind of thing," said Jim Bray, press secretary for Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra.

Kustra's office has spent \$76.41 on new stationery bearing the Kustra letterhead, Bray said.

"That probably won't last us all four years," he joked.

George Ryan, who replaced Edgar as secretary of state, ordered his staff to buy stickers with his name to block out the Edgar letterhead.

In addition to stationery, the secretary of state's office will have to repaint signs with Edgar's name on them, at a projected cost of \$30,000.

"We won't get to that for months," Murphy said.

Both Treasurer Patrick Quinn's and Attorney General Roland Burris' offices will print new stationery in house; cost figures were not available.

A spokesman for Quinn's office said former Treasurer Jerry Cosentino's name was being blocked off envelopes and other paper materials were being recycled.

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I have appealed this suspension and fully expect the Circuit Court to overturn it and restore these licenses to me. But I feel those who have been so loyal to Thomas Mortuaries throughout these many years how and why this all came about.

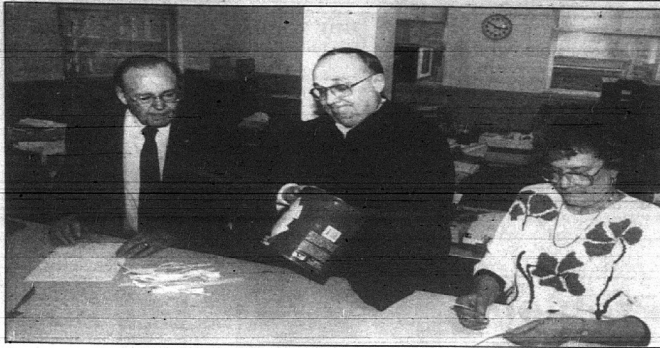
I want again to assure everyone that Thomas Mortuaries will continue to provide caring, compassionate service without interruption, regardless of my suspension date back to 1986 and had nothing to do with the manner in which Thomas Mortuaries or myself conduct funeral services. The allegations that led to my suspension were not brought by any of our customers, all were brought by my competitor Randall Irwin and were totally technical in nature.

Two allegations dealt with who signed documents and the others dealt with who transferred bodies from death sites to our mortuaries. At the time I was alleged to have violated them, the rules governing these actions was extremely vague and subject to many interpretations.

I have lived with you in our community all of my life and you will see this for what it is, a desperate attempt by a competitor to eliminate competition. I know.

Thanking you for your continued friendship and support, I remain:

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(Staff photo by Pam Doeppke-Hurd)
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4 incumbents tops on ballot

GRANITE CITY — Incumbents fared well in the lottery for ballot placement on Tuesday morning, with four of six winning the top spot.

The drawing, by Circuit Judge Paul Riley, was held in City Clerk Robert Stevens' office. A drawing was held for each office for which multiple candidates filed when filing opened Jan. 7.

All other candidates are automatically listed on the ballot in the order in which they filed.

The results of the lottery: Street Superintendent Mac Warfield got the top spot over Clayton "Jug" Harrison.

For 1st Ward alderman, incumbent H. Frank Scarsdale over Juanita Crawley.

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For 5th Ward alderman, Eddie Asadorian over incumbent Thomas Candler.

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Costello advises families of benefits

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This law seeks to help them by reducing or suspending some of their financial burdens. The Act falls under Title 50 of the U.S. Code.

It is important that local families know that they may be able to benefit from this law, which has been intended to assist our military personnel for over 50 years," Costello said.

One of the rules that affects almost all personnel called to active duty states that interest of no more than 6 percent a year

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"This law is intended to ease the burden on service men and women and their families at home which have to deal with the loss of income during war-time," Costello said.

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Master Sgt. Marilyn Kirkland, 42, from O'Fallon was one reservist activated who was sent to the nursing staff development office at the base hospital.

"My first thought when I was recalled was 'shock.' I was expecting it, but I didn't think it would happen," Kirkland said. "The active duty personnel at the hospital have been supportive, and it feels comfortable here," she added.

Being called to active duty has one distinct advantage for Kirkland. She's closer to her job now. She worked in the health care field in St. Louis before going to work at the base hospital.

But now, she makes less money than she did at her civilian job. Kirkland declined to say what the difference in pay was.

Reservists called to active duty can take advantage of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940, Theopolos said.



GAS MASKS have become one of a number of hard-to-find items related to the war in the Persian Gulf. (Staff photo by T.L. Witt)

Gas masks, flags selling briskly on the home front

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

It seems war always brings shortages to those on the home front. In Iraq, for example, tires and spare parts were reportedly becoming scarce in the days leading up to the allied air attack.

Here in the Metro East, residents are facing shortages of a different kind. Just try finding a detailed map of the Persian Gulf, a copy of the book "The Rape of Kuwait" or even a gas mask.

"I sold out of all the Israeli gas masks that I had," said John Helf, owner of the Belleville Surplus Store. "We've sold several hundred in the last five months."

Helf said that some of the gas masks had been sold to area residents who were going to Saudi Arabia. Others were sold to people worried about terrorism.

"It's all over the country, in any big metropolitan area," Helf said. "People are concerned." Many less ominous items are selling briskly as a result of the war.

Earl's Sporting Goods, 3705B Nameki Road in Granite City, reported overall sales were up this year, but said it wasn't directly attributable to the Persian Gulf war.

"The only thing I've noticed is we've sold a lot more American flag patches," said a buyer for the store. "Really, they're for Boy Scouts to sew on their uniforms, but we're selling them to a lot of

other people too."

B Dalton Bookseller in St. Clair Square has seen a small invasion of people hungry for information on the Gulf war.

"Right now we are out of just about everything (having to do with the war)," said Assistant Manager Sue Randant. "The only thing we have right now is world atlases, and not many of those."

Randant said customers cleaned out a display of maps on the Middle East crisis by the end of last week, and a shipment of "The Rape of Kuwait" books sold out in three days. Dalton is also sold out of a biography of Saddam Hussein, and a book called "From Beirut to Jerusalem" has been a hot seller.

Even Doc's Tattooing in Collinsville has seen an increase in business as a result of the war, owner Brian "Doc" Herman said.

"Normally, I only get a limited amount of Air Force people in here," Herman said. "But lately I've been getting quite a few Air Force people, and I've done a few Army and Marines, too. Last month I had about 15 Marines, Army and Air Force. I normally only do one or two a month."

Herman said the military men have been opting for cartoons, or for their divisional insignia. He said he always gives them a price break.

"A lot of them were going over there," Herman said. "Some were just on leave, or on standby at Scott."

Edgar stressing cutbacks

SPRINGFIELD — The slogan of the new Edgar administration seems to be "Waste not, want not."

Edgar has ordered his office and all agencies under his command to conserve by using stationery with the Jim Thompson logo on it until all supplies are used up.

"We have about 28,000 (Thompson) letterhead pages left over and the staff and agencies will use that up before going to the new supply," said Dan Eggler, a spokesman for the governor's office.

Sixty-thousand sheets of Edgar-embossed sheets of stationery already have been purchased for \$1,000, Eggler said.

On his second full day in office, Edgar cut his 182-member security staff by more than 35 to save money.

But the governor, who has taken to walking the two blocks between his official mansion and the Capitol rather than wasting gas, isn't the only new constitutional officer concerned with frugality.

"We're going to slice up the old stationery and use it for scrap paper, note pads, that kind of thing," said Jim Bray, press secretary for Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra.

Kustra's office has spent \$76.41 on new stationery bearing the Kustra letterhead, Bray said. "That probably won't last us all four years," he joked.

George Ryan, who replaced Edgar as secretary of state, ordered his staff to buy stickers with his name to block out the Edgar letterhead.

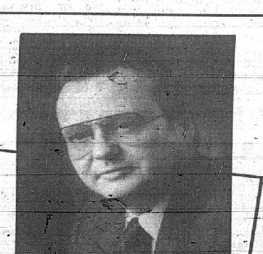
In addition to stationery, the secretary of state's office will have to repaint signs with Edgar's name on them, at a projected cost of \$30,000.

"We won't get to that for months," Murphy said.

Both Treasurer Patrick Quinn's and Attorney General Richard Harris' offices will print new stationery in-house; cost figures were not available.

A spokesman for Quinn's office said former Treasurer Jerry Cosentino's name was being blocked off envelopes and other paper materials were being recycled.

From the Alton Telegraph



An Open Letter To Tri-City Residents

January 24, 1991

Fellow Tri-City Residents:

I thank the many people who have called to express their loyalty and concern about recent articles relating to suspension of my embalming and funeral director licenses. I assured them, as caring, competent and compassionate funeral services for many, many years. The action was against me personally, not against Thomas Mortuaries.

I have appealed this suspension and fully expect the Circuit Court to overturn it and restore these licenses to me. But I feel I must explain to my friends, my fellow Tri-City residents and those who have been so loyal to Thomas Mortuaries throughout these many years how and why this all came about.

I want again to assure everyone that Thomas Mortuaries will continue to provide caring, compassionate service without interruption, regardless of eventual outcome of this matter. The allegations that led to my suspension date back to 1986 and had nothing to do with the manner in which Thomas Mortuaries or myself conduct funeral services. The allegations that led to my suspension were not brought by any of our customers, all were brought by my competitor Randall Irwin and were totally technical in nature.

Two allegations dealt with who signed documents and the others dealt with who transferred bodies from death sites to our mortuaries. At the time I was alleged to have violated them, the rules governing these actions was extremely vague and subject to many interpretations.

I have lived with you in our community all of my life and you will see this for what it is, a desperate attempt by a competitor to eliminate competition.

Thanking you for your continued friendship and support, I remain:

Bob Thomas
President
Thomas Mortuaries

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Union

Editorials

What 'state' are we in?

The state of our union, according to the President, is good. We disagree.

Our union is in poor shape. Industry has cut to the bone, laying off workers by the hundreds of thousands. Joblessness is surpassed only by the number of "working poor" — those whose income is not enough to support their families.

Education is far from excellent, and nobody can really say why, though we've spent millions of dollars trying to figure it out.

The environment continues to decline. Our financial institutions are hurting more than at any time in their history.

Ethics in government has decreased; mistrust of public officials has increased. Health-care costs have made equal medical treatment for all a thing of the past.

Our country's infrastructure — its roads, bridges and public works — has deteriorated faster than finances can be raised to rebuild it.

Morals have declined, crime has increased, homelessness is unbelievable and all too frequently the most important thing we've got — life itself — is taken far too casually.

Those are among the many reasons that George Bush said so little last Tuesday about life in these United States. He can rightfully draw upon pride in our international diplomacy. He can boast of our military and its successes in the Persian Gulf. He can point to any number of small successes in his first couple of years. He can find exceptions to every one of the problems noted above.

But he can't honestly say the state of our union is good.

Ed Madigan a fine choice

The big role of Illinois in agriculture and in the federal government has been underscored once again by the selection on Jan. 25 of Rep. Edward R. Madigan, 55, as secretary of the Department of Agriculture. Acclaimed by both parties as quiet but immensely effective, he will succeed the fiery Clayton Yeutter, new national Republican chairman.

The Cabinet also includes three other Illinoisans: Lynn Martin, about to become secretary of Labor; Edward Derwinski, Veterans secretary; and Samuel Skinner, secretary of Transportation.

Madigan, of Lincoln, has represented a rural central-Illinois district for 19 years. Ranking Republican on the House Agriculture Committee, he has helped write many farm laws and had a big hand in shaping the new clean-air law.

"He's walked in the shoes of Illinois farmers," the President said in nominating Madigan. "He knows their needs, their concerns and, most importantly, their dreams for a future in agriculture."

Madigan cited as his main goal an abundant, affordable and safe food supply. President Bush agreed, commenting that the United States has become a "role model for the world" in food production but that American farm families have not always enjoyed the prosperity they deserve. Ed Madigan is the man to go to work on these problems.

We think Madigan will do a good job, and his promotion bolsters the re-election outlook for two neighboring congressmen awaiting redistricting: Dennis Hastert, R-Oswego, and Minority Leader Robert Michel, R-Peria.

With so many manuals, who has time to read newspapers?

Newspaper persons are an odd lot. They thrive on the unusual, live on challenges, dote on the unusual. But you do a little thing like change their computer password, and they become vicious jackals looking for blood.

You can only imagine then how bad it is when not only the password changes, but so does the rest of the computer system.

That happened last week.

"Where is that @/1/5/2/1 story?" demanded Editor No. 1. He attempted to figure out his new software. He was unusually caustic. I counted one more @/1/ than normal.

"I typeset that story!! I typeset that story!! Why didn't you composing get it?" screamed Editor No. 2, as papers flew.

Then, from across the room came the Voice of Calm: "The reason composing didn't get it is because you didn't have a typesetter code listed; you didn't have the right basket indicated in the program; didn't hit the release button like you were supposed to; didn't have the header filled properly; didn't."

"Oh, shaddup!!" came the collective response to the Voice of Calm.

There's a know-it-all in every newsroom, it seems.

"All this was in your computer manual," persisted the Voice of Calm. "Didn't you read your computer manual?"

"Who has time to read a 360/1 manual? All I want to do is get a newspaper out," screamed Editor No. 1.

"Right. Who has time to read?" said Editor No. 2, reading as he said it.

By the end of the first day the score was Voice of Calm 6 and Editors 0, and I was personally looking forward to the next day's rematch.

So it went, day in, day out, during our first week. The Voice of Calm had all the answers and the editors had all the questions. But editors being what they are, nobody dared ask the Voice of Calm. That would be too easy, and they would rather scream.

Since we are one newspaper in a chain of metropolitan papers in the St. Louis area, and since most of the chain is going through computer indigestion at about the same time, we are getting a lot of electronic messages passed back and forth. Things like: "Help me: My computer has fallen and I can't get up."

Magically, messages are appearing on our video screens. For example, one editor might ask: "I can't understand this story you just sent me. Is it for EV, CV and GC, or EV, CV and GC?" And then he would quickly have a follow-up message: "Forget it. I wasn't looking at a story anyway. It was my wife's grocery list. How did that get in here?"

I'll admit I'm stretching things just a bit. You probably think no computer conversion could be that tough. But mark my words: Even the most macho of newsmen fall to their knees in the wake of computer technology.

And, as if getting messages from machines across the land failed, I punched a button the other day and saw "Justification dead. I joined a long line of people who have renamed our computer as the '\$\$\$@/1' machine."

I doubt that will ever become a registered trademark. Dennis Grubaugh is executive city editor of the Illinois Journal newspaper.



Letters

Another side to slough story

To the editor:

It's not unusual for a developer to call me and ask me to look at his plan to build homes in Dobrey Slough, nor is it unusual for them to get mad and blast me when I can't go along with them.

This sort of thing has been going on for years. Most of the time, some politician has put them up to it with the idea that if we can shut her up everything will go fast. Fellows, it don't work that way.

The plan sounded good at first, a better type of drainage that would take all the water away. But it did not take long to see that this big lake on top of the slough has no outlet and would have no way to get to the pump station to remove flood waters. In fact, at this time our water can't even get to the pump station because the channel has been changed by the developing now going on.

For years I've asked what kind of people are there that issue building permits to builders to build in lake beds, swamps and sloughs? Do they who do such things as deceitful have a heart?

The Metro East Sanitary and Drainage District and the Madison County Board have both passed laws years ago to prohibit building in the wrong places, yet they allow this to continue by issuing "permits and the okay of licenses."

Since the problem won't go away by itself, I urge public and political support for strict enforcement of this wetland that is supposed to be protected by the government.

If you live in that part of Granite City Ward Seven and Nameki Township that has been effected by sewer breaks, seepage in basements, street flooding etc. You may want to write to these officials listed below. But before you write, you need to know that the government agents they will contact will be the Madison County Board and the County Board. So make it clear in your letters that we are at a loss with this kind of protection at Dobrey Slough.

No need to ask for anything except that the laws in this case be enforced, and that no one increase your drainage tax for asking.

My neighbors and I appreciate the help from our Nameki Township Board; Pontoon Beach Village Board; Chouteau Committee; Granite City Councilmen all those that are working to help solve the problem of development in the wrong places.

Addresses:
U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello
629 Garden Boulevard
Belleville, Ill. 62220

U.S. Senators Alan J. Dixon and Paul Simon
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Gov. James Edgar
State Capitol Building
Springfield, Ill. 62764

HELEN M. HAWKINS
Nameki Township

Reformers: quit blowing smoke

To the editor:

This is addressed to the non-smokers. Get off your backs, wagon. Smokers have been very cooperative and quiet during this time of harassment and discrimination, but our cooperation just isn't enough. We are now being pushed even further. Smoking is

not against the law.

Turn your hysteria toward the things that are really causing people to die. A child found in a ditch strangled did not die from passive smoke, and the person that murdered that child might be sitting next to you in a restaurant or mall. You're a lot closer to death with that than you are with passive smoke.

Our government is fighting for another country's freedom and you are asking that our freedom be taken away. When you vote, you are helping to choose a political power that you feel can best uphold our constitutional rights.

The decisions they make every day are affecting your health more than the passive smoke. The stress you are being subjected to with the economy, job market, war, etc., is helping to deteriorate your health by causing you high blood pressure, heart problems, some people even commit suicide. Why do you insist on adding to the existing turmoil?

One thing learned before getting a high school diploma is the U.S. Constitution. You know, that document that makes this a free country? That means you have the right not to smoke and we have the right to smoke. If you don't want someone to smoke in your house, that's fine. That is your right and your home, but a public place is a public place. If you don't like the freedom that our forefathers fought so hard to get, then move here so that we can keep some of the freedom that is still left.

DOREEN BESSERMAN
Granite City

Dust in the sun: a cousin's poem

The following poem is written as a salute to Christopher Layman, a friend of mine, who was killed in the Middle East, by his cousin.

Dust in the Sun

He lies back in the sand,
The sun is shining on his face.
The heat, far too cruel.
Nothing gentle in the wind.
No beauty in a shadow bend.
Fear is in the air.

The risk of death everywhere
Beware the breath of death.
Fight on without rest.
Hiding in the sand,
Dust in the sun.

Hand to Hand.

Gun, gun, gun.
God speed, stay free of harm!
Victory — to Desert Storm!

KAREN R. DUNBAR
Granite City

Phone company getting sneaky

To the editor:

I agree with Connie Wofford's feelings about the sneaky way the phone company is trying to sneak extra charges. We didn't vote for it if Congress passed the bill let them pay it. They know that the senior citizens, especially the sick ones, need their phones. What poor people we can't get help from the public welfare because because we get a Social Security check every month. All young

unwed mothers and fathers are living high on the hog. They get extra money for every kid they have, doctor bills paid, hospital paid. They get their rent paid, medicines etc. I am 79 years old on Social Security. I have to pay rent, doctor and medicines some of my medicine is \$80 a month I have insurance to pay, gas, electricity and phone of course. I do have to eat sometime too.

Now Illinois Power is asking us to pitch in a dollar or two for the poor.

We get a few dollars raise on Social Security and up goes everything else. Our rent gets raised, the food has doubled in price. My health insurance is on the phone, the utilities, medicine is high too. They give us a nickel and someone else wants a dime. Connie Wofford, we need a petition to go to all the old folks.

Thanks for your opinion, can't win from losing.

I'm glad I'm not the only one that feels that way.

ROSE SCHMITT
Granite City

College refunds to military personnel

To the editor:

Hundreds of Belleville Area College students are Air Force personnel or dependents. The unfolding events in Iraq and Kuwait have disrupted their lives.

While we cannot mitigate their personal sacrifices, we are working to ensure that those who had enrolled for our spring semester will in no way be penalized by college enrollment procedures.

I would like to share with your readers, particularly military and civilian personnel employed at Scott Air Force Base, the information I presented to our trustees at their meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 23.

"Ladies and gentlemen, as we gather here this evening, our nation is engaged in a massive conflict in the Persian Gulf. Operation Desert Storm began this evening.

"As you know, Scott Air Force Base, our neighbor, is the home of world headquarters for several commands: Military Air Command, Transportation Command, Weather Command and Communication Command, plus many other functions vital to our military structure.

"In light of the fact that Scott is a particularly influential military community, our region is

surely impacted by this military crisis.

"Belleville Area College has longstanding partnerships with Scott Air Force Base and personnel stationed there. We have long provided flight instruction on base, operated an on-base extension center and employed many military and their dependents within the college district.

"As college president, I can assure you that during this time of turmoil, I will make every effort to ensure that no military personnel called to serve this great nation will suffer any financial or academic hardships as a result of enrollment at Belleville Area College.

"I have instructed my staff to work with military students on an individual basis to ensure appropriate refunds are issued and that students are withdrawn from courses without academic penalty. We are working with Base Education Officer Paul Distinier in this endeavor.

"The richness and diversity which Scott Air Force Base provides our region is reflected in its people; we see it in the schools our children attend, the organizations which serve our communities, and the neighborhoods in which we live. At this time, ladies and gentlemen, invite you to observe a moment of silence in tribute to our military personnel — our sons, our daughters, our neighbors and our friends stationed throughout the world."

JOSEPH J. CIPPLI, Ph.D.
President,
Belleville Area College

Project Cleanup offers assistance

To the editor:

Project Cleanup is a non-profit organization designed to help and provide treatment for anyone needing assistance in recovery from alcoholism.

We are proud to announce our new post office box in the Madison County area. You can write to us at P.O. Box 115, Venice, Ill. 62990.

All information received is held in the strictest confidence. To find out more about our organization, tune in to our live radio broadcast on 1490 WESL every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and every Saturday from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m.

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LifeStyle

Lucille Martin

Seniors to pick officers

Lucille Martin covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 887-0722.

The Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 15, in the Senior Citizen Hall. Attendance was good, and the evening was a success. Prizes were won by Ida Ferguson, Irene McCaslin, and Ruth Dagon.

Nominations for board members and officers were held, and the election will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 19. Entertainment was by the Boots N Slippers Square Dance Club.

Other members attending were Bob and Genny Alford, Robbie Wilson, Dominic Scuturo, Mabel Kennerly, Bertha Hall, Helen Hutton, Mickey Heidbrink, Ed and Gladys Van Scoy, Leona McCoy, Dora Sereni, and Fran Cope. Bill Dagon, Clara Winter, Mary Hasselbrook, Irene Weber, Helen Nieper, Gross, Joy Rowland, Challance Grigsby, Irma McCaslin, Edna Webster, Faye Rodi, Jim and Diana Mill, Walt and Joan Crowell and Betty Ridgeway.

Men's Day was observed Sunday at the Pontoon Baptist Church. Richard Rainey gave the invocation, followed by Rev. Ed Hart giving the welcome and announcements. Larry Brake spoke on the "Joy of Giving."

The men's quartet, consisting of Gary Chaney, Ralph Craycraft, Paul Stayduhar and Harlan Luffman sang two musical numbers, accompanied by Ann Kauter at the piano. Frank Lindsay spoke on the "Joy of Serving" and Ben Frost spoke on the "Joy of Beautifying."

Harold McBride, Brotherhood president, presented the Baptist Man of the Year Award to Gary Chaney. Larry Rigby spoke about the "Joy of Growing in the Spirit." Rev. Ed Hart read the scripture from James and delivered a short message. Frank Lindsay gave the benediction.

During the month of July, 1990, the Missouri Lion's Eye Research Foundation and the Lions of Illinois Foundation agreed to work together in the area of eye banking.

Ed Werner was recognized for his efforts in this matter at the Pontoon Beach Lions Club meeting this week. Werner received the visionary service award in recognition of outstanding service to the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation.

Jeanne Lane, Education Coordinator of the Lions Eye Bank, was also present at the meeting and discussed the need for eye donors.

She said anyone can be an eye donor. There is no upper age limit and cancer patients are not excluded. Virtually anyone can donate his or her eyes at the time of one's death. If a person becomes an eye donor, there's no delay in the donation, there's no disfigurement to the body, and absolutely no cost to the donor family.

After death, the cornea is evaluated to see if it is suitable to be used for a cornea transplant. There are 10,000 people in this world waiting for a cornea transplant to restore their sight. If you have any questions concerning eye donation, contact your local Lions Club.

Operation Desert Storm help for those at home

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY—There are many ways of showing support for those serving in Operation Desert Storm.

One sure way is helping the family left at home, especially the spouses of reservists who have never been part of the active-duty military community.

To this end, there's a warm welcoming room at the U.S. Army Melvin Price Support Center, a place where something out is a way of life. It's the Army Community Service (ACS) Office.

Inside the office, there are green plants growing, bright colors and flowers, yellow ribbons of support and smiling faces to make you feel at home. Better yet, there are answers to lots of questions.

Many of the reservist families have only a little knowledge of the military way of life. Cheryl Worch, ACS director, said, "We're here to help them."

The ACS is a family service center that has been organized throughout the Army to improve the quality of life and well-being of the total Army.

This means active-duty military personnel, members of the Army Reserve and National Guard on active duty, retired military personnel, Department of the Army civilians and family members of all of the above people.

The ACS also will assist families of reservists of other branches of the armed services.

Widely varied services are offered, including information and referral, relocation information, family crisis counseling, exceptional family member enrollment/information, family member employment assistance, consumer affairs and financial counseling and Army Emergency Relief/grant assistance.

The local ACS Office is located in Building 185 at the Charles Melvin Price Support Center, Granite City, Ill. 63040-1801. The phone number is (618) 452-4260. The office hours are from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"The hottest thing going right now is the deployment of troops. We can't keep enough mail up," said Debra Kelley, social service representative of the local Army Community Service Center, pointing to the yellow jacketed packets.

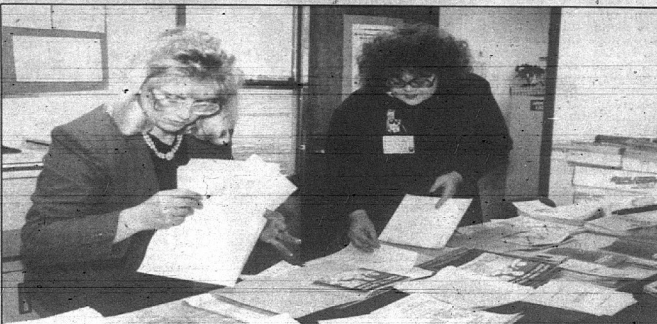
The packets contain helpful information from how best to explain to a small child that someone in his family went off to the Middle East, to stress management, consumer affairs and food locker and loan check programs.

There have been 2,000 reservist deployments since this area since Aug. 2 and many have personal and family needs, the ACS director said.

The focus of all ACS programs is the total military family and they are designed to meet individual personal and family needs, said Worch, a former Army lieutenant. All the services are for the entire family.

"We're getting lots of calls, mostly for information," Kelley said. Some callers have financial concerns, others want to know what can and can't be mailed overseas.

Under normal conditions, Kelley handles questions concerning relocation of service members



ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE Director Cheryl Worch, left, and Debra Kelley, social service representative, put together deployment packets given to families when a family member is sent to the Persian Gulf region.

and their families and shipping of items overseas.

Many reservists who are now deployed are taking a substantial cut in pay and leaving their families, in some instances, with a greater financial obligation.

Food must be bought, rent and utilities must be paid and car and house payments must be made. Most of those activated are finding money to be a problem. Financial counseling, including budget counseling and management, debt liquidation and consumer rights and obligations, is available to the family members left behind.

Some interest-free loans from the Army Emergency Relief Program provide financial assistance to Army families in time

of emergency need and other low-interest loans may be available from other sources, Worch said.

Assistance with income-tax preparation also is offered at the ACS office.

Recent information provided by the ACS office notes that federal income tax filing deadline has been extended from April 15 until June 15 for the families of active-duty reservists or other military personnel in the Persian Gulf.

Wives may file income tax returns for the family if the wife holds power of attorney from her husband.

The deployment package offers practical information on preparing for deployment, legal and tax information and details about local resources (military and civilian).

A list of support groups and suggestions for families about how to cope emotionally with

separation are included.

Worch said the ACS office at the Price Support Center is considering starting a children's support group and is also asking military-family members for input concerning a support group for other family members.

"Everyone has been very supportive to get us special training at the Community and Family Support Center in Washington," said Kelley.

The support came from the local ACS higher military echelon headquartered in St. Louis, such as AVSCOM (Army Aviation Systems Command) and TROSCOM (Troop Support Command).

Kelley was in Washington taking the special training on the day war broke out, the day when Desert Shield became Desert Storm.

"It was like being in the middle of a piece of history when the conflict began. Washington was the center of everything and everyone was very busy," Kelley said.

Some other points for families of activated reservists: Family medical benefits are available for the spouse and dependents of a reservist on active duty, Worch said.

Problems that can be handled by the ACS office staff may involve the spouse (husband or wife) of the servicemember being left without proper identification to obtain necessary medical cards.

This situation could happen in the case of families of reservists who may not be fully aware about certain procedures, Worch said.

The spouse of an active

reservist is entitled to full commissary and post exchange privileges, but proper identification must be made.

A grandparent or other designated person named as guardian of a child, whose parents are both overseas, is entitled to be designated as agent for the dependent child and has all privileges as the primary caregiver, Worch said.

The ACS office has advised that American Telephone and Telegraph will allow any military family member to use AT&T FAX equipment to send messages to service members.

They can call 1-800-555-0111 to find out which office is nearest.

For the fastest delivery of mail to those in Operation Desert Storm, Priority Mail to be used.

At the present time, letters and audiocassettes are the best items to send. Packages are much more difficult to deliver and they are not getting through quickly.

The ACS office also is advising family members not to use yellow ribbons at their home, unless it is a group effort when an entire neighborhood puts up the ribbons. Isolated displays identify families with service members in the Middle East.

The ACS office also is advising families to recommend flying the U.S. flag, since it shows concern and support and does not pose potential problems.

Kathy Dohal

Auxiliary to aid soldiers

Kathy Dohal covers the Madison-Venice scene for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 877-1086.

A surprise birthday party for Adele Wasylyk was held on Sunday Jan. 20 at the Croation Home in Madison. The event was hosted by the "honorees" Uncle Anthony and Aunt Norma.

Attending was Helen Baran, Betty Bulger, Cassie Fingel, Martha and Wendall McIlroy, Ann Bicanic, Irene and Andy Besserman, Lovie and Dorothy Shabo, Mary and Steve Bucherich, Do-Do Bruncica, Stacy Wasylyk, Samantha Dorsey, Heather Carlson, Jennifer Stimac, Ann Klarich, Katie Obucina and Louise Tegel.

Also, Bea Stentzer, Francis and Jen Schwargkopf, Eleanor Tulka, Katherine Bunette, George and Juanita Fuchs, Belle, Mo. Josephine Georff, Mary Cromer, Vicki Eckels, Jessica and Billie Miller, Mrs. John Carlson, Milka Yovanovitch, Jennifer O'Beir, Gary and Gale Wasylyk, Heather Mueller, Doug Mueller, Helen Mueller.

Linda Dohal celebrated her 10th birthday Jan. 12.

A family party was held on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the home of her grandparents Frank and Catherine Orris. Lunch was served and a decorated "Report Card" cake served. Attending was grandmother Mary Domanski, Ed and Kathy Dohal, Vince Dohal and Courtney, Steven Dohal, Lisa Dohal, Brian Dohal, Frank and Barbara Orris, Frank and Patti Orris and Ben and Susan.

On Sunday, Jan. 27, a swim party was held at the holidome Holiday Inn. Refreshments were served and a video made of the event.

Attending was Donna Langenstein and Erin, Brian Dohal, Angela Perdue, Ruthie Koliste, Courtney and Bonnie Garofoli, Beth Owca, Mary Domanski, Jessica Bathon, Laura Guenther, Billie Eckels, Jennie Romanic, Lina Wise, Emily Orris, Courtney and Ben, Mary Lou Dohal and Stephanie, Vince Dohal and Courtney and Bonnie Garofoli.

Also, Emily Garofoli, Jerry Bush, Erica Shabo, Cookie, Robyn and Sonny Fields, Lisa Dohal, J. Mike Papa, Bobbie Papa, Ed and Kathy Dohal, Andrew and Christine Menzies, Andrea Bukovac, Toni Mender, Felicia Mohsan, Frank and Barbara Orris, Catherine Layloff, Ann Dorris and Lia Tudak.

The Madison Ladies Democratic Club held its Christmas Party with a catered dinner prepared by Ray, Jenny and John Huey with Jenny Huey decorating with a Christmas theme. Santa Claus arrived to present gifts to all the members.

Attending was John and Carol Hannin III, George and Margaret Amisch, Alan and Dorothy Serawski, Howard and Christine Green, Chris Eilers, Mr. and Mrs. Al Mossa, Ann Krajnovich, Casper Nigholossian, Mayor John and Diane Belloff, Kim Odell, Norma Belloff, Ray and Jenny Huey, Bert and Eleanor Armour, Mary Majeski, Mike (See MADISON, Page 9A)

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AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY ASSISTANCE	1-800-786-0901

Uh huh, you watched the right football game Sunday evening, baby

It was only a game, not as important as the war and other major issues.

But on the evening of Super Sunday, Topic A for most families here and across the nation was Super Bowl XXV, won by the New York Giants 20-19 over the Buffalo Bills.

IT WAS THE CLOSEST and maybe the best of the pro football league's 25 title games.

On its way to a win that wasn't assured until the final eight seconds, New York led 3-0, trailed 12-3, led 17-12 and trailed 19-17 before edging ahead with a field goal halfway through the fourth quarter.

Buffalo had been favored to win by 6½ points, but few were surprised that the Giants proved to be a big and formidable foe. It could have gone either way, depending on the two field goal kickers' skill and luck.

AMONG THE STARS was Ottis Anderson, former running back of the force of the St. Louis Cardinals. O.J. was the XXV's most valuable player. He didn't say, "I'm going to

Disney World," as had Joe Montana and other MVP winners.

But he did make a Disney World-sponsored comment about support for our military units in the Middle East.

ANDERSON CARRIED the ball 21 times for 102 yards, caught a seven-yard pass and scored a touchdown.

Jeff Hostetler, the winning quarterback, completed 20 of 32 passes for 222 yards and threw for one touchdown.

Thurman Thomas led the losers by running 15 times for 135 yards, including a 31-yard TD run, and catching five passes for 50 yards.

RAY CHARLES didn't put on any football gear but starred in the commercial with the new Diet Pepsi song, "You've Got the Right One, Baby, Uh Huh."

And don't forget the "uh huh," which in one of the televised ads was sung by a variety of vocalists, including the operatic kind. Diet Pepsi wanted you to phone in the eight-word slogan during the first three quarters to win a two-liter bottle and per-



Bill Winter

haps one of the three \$1 million prizes.

IT WAS CANCELED OFF in advance when Uncle Sam voiced worry over jamming America's phone lines for several hours.

Coca-Cola also had a contest but modified it and concentrated on reporting that it was giving \$1 million to the USO to help meet the needs of members of the armed forces.

Speaking of our servicemen and women, many stayed up all night in the Persian Gulf area to watch the Super Bowl telecast but said they missed seeing the commercials (blacked out in the Middle East).

ST. LOUIS COULD BE the site

of a future Super Bowl, now that it is set to construct a 70,000-seat stadium as part of the Cervantes Convention Center downtown.

The stadium will improve it, first, attracts an expansion team to replace the gone-to-Phoenix Cardinals.

Tampa Bay was the proud host this time, although its hometown Buccaneers seem to be light-years away from ever qualifying as one of the Super participants.

THE SPORTS CAPITAL of the world is what some people, and USA Today, are calling the populous Tampa-St. Petersburg region of Florida.

Along with pro football, baseball spring training, football bowl games, golf, tennis, polo, fishing, fishing, basketball, auto racing, rowing and soccer are such parimutuel betting sports as horse racing, dog racing and jai alai (pronounced high lie).

There are many college sports attractions and the Tampa Lightning (they have a thunder storm nearly every afternoon) soon will join the National Hockey

League.

Orlando has a National Basketball Association team. Tampa and Orlando are among six finalists for a new National League baseball team. And St. Petersburg has put in a bid for a major-league baseball team by building the Suncoast Dome.

PARTY TIME is signaled by the annual scheduling of the Super Bowl (Jan. 26 next year) and nowhere were there more parties than in Las Vegas, where betting on such sports is not only authorized but highly encouraged.

Immense betting rooms, equipped with state-of-the-art TV technology, can now be found in every casino/hotel, with live broadcasts of racing, baseball, football and other events.

An estimated 100,000 fans visited Las Vegas during the weekend, nearly twice the number attending the game itself in Tampa.

SPORTS MEMORABILIA were used to decorate banquet halls for special dinners and parties.

Hosts at such gatherings in recent years have included Jim Brown, Mark Clayton, Vince Ferragamo and Larry Holmes. (The late Joe Louis was a casino greeter in the past.)

Similar partying and betting took place in gambling centers like Reno, Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

Quite. But Las Vegas continues to lead the Nevada boom, adding 6,000 permanent residents each month to rank among the nation's fastest-growing cities.

With the completion of a new 5,000-room MGM hotel featuring a Wizard of Oz theme, Las Vegas will have one of the 10 largest hotel complexes in the world.

EVEN WITHOUT betting, the Super Bowl was an enjoyable show.

Viewers' appreciation and understanding of the game were enhanced by ABC's announcing trio, including Dan Dierdorf, married to a local woman and a frequent visitor to Granite City for a number of years.

Let's all pray that game XXVI, set for Minnesota, can be played in a time of world peace.

Money matters when it comes to weddings

By Jim Haverstick
Staff writer

On August 2, Kimberly Chiarotino of Collinsville will marry Ron Holt Jr. of Granite City. They plan a simple, elegant wedding that will cost a mere \$7,000.

One unavoidable fact of life is that weddings are expensive.

"I was really shocked at prices when I started looking around," Kimberly said.

Though \$7,000 sounds like a small fortune — and to most people it is — wedding experts agree that this figure is small when it comes to tying the knot.

This figure only includes the bride's expenses — note the groom's tuxedo, the engagement ring or the wedding bands he'll pay for.

With the economy sliding right into a recession and a war in the Persian Gulf, many young couples are cutting back on expenses. The \$7,000 (and under) weddings may be more common in the future.

Kimberly said almost all of her wedding plans have been influenced by cost. She doesn't want to skip on the big event, but she is trying to find bargains wherever possible.

The single most expensive item on the list is the gown.

She bought her wedding gown off the rack, rather than ordering it, and will do the alterations herself to save money, she said.

The gown cost her \$700.

"There are still some people who like elaborate weddings, but many brides are trying to stay within a budget," said Libby Knoche, owner of Carol's Bridal and Formal Wear in Collinsville.

A bride should have no problem finding a suitable gown for about \$500, she said.

If there is one thing that women refuse to skip on, it is the gown, said Jean Butterfield, of Butterfield's Jewelry and Bridal Shoppe in Collinsville.

Brides may try to find a bargain, but they still spend several hundred dollars on a dress.

"The wedding day is the most important day of her life so if it is the right gown, she is going to spend the money," Butterfield said.

Many bridal gown manufacturers are aware of the financial stress a wedding can cause and they are adjusting their merchandise to accommodate consumers, said B.J. Fischer, manager of House of Sharon Bridal Salon in Fairview Heights.

Designers are introducing



(Staff photo by Scott Cousins)
BRIDE-TO-BE Kimberly Chiarotino of Collinsville tries on a gown from Butterfield's Jewelry and Bridal Shoppe in Collinsville.

inexpensive bridal gowns and bridesmaid's dresses, she said. A bridesmaid's dress that cost \$120-\$150 last year, now costs about \$95.

There are many things a woman can do to have an elegant, economical wedding, such as have fewer attendants and choose dresses the attendants can wear again, Knoche said.

"I try to look out for others financially as well as for myself," Kimberly said. "I tried to find dresses for my bridesmaids that were in stock because ordering dresses is more expensive for them."

Kimberly said friends who have recently gotten married

have cut back on expenses by inviting fewer guests, having fewer members in the wedding party and arranging their own flowers.

Kimberly and her mother will do all the flower arranging themselves, at a cost of \$100 or more.

"This is called 'kitchen table flowers,'" said Kris Wittenauer of brides doing their own arranging. Wittenauer is owner of Ditch's Florist in Waterloo.

"There is an influx of crafts in the Midwest so a lot of people

are into making their own silk or fresh flower arrangements at home."

Another huge expense is the reception. One couple Kimberly knows had the bride's mother cater the reception to cut down on cost.

Many caterers charge \$15 or \$20 a plate for a reception. Halls or banquet rooms can run into the thousands. Planning ahead helps save on the nerves.

allows time to shop around and means the bills can be spread out over time.

Local NMSU student honored

Julie Riden, a senior mathematics major at Northeast Missouri State University, is in the 1991 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Riden was selected on the basis of outstanding campus leadership. A campus nominating committee and editors of the annual directory chose 49 Northeast students based on

academic achievement, service to the community, leadership and potential.

Riden has been active in several campus organizations and activities including Kappa Mu Epsilon, Alpha Phi Omega, Wesley Foundation, and Undergraduate Research.

Riden is the daughter of Donald and Norma Riden of Granite City.

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REPORT OF CONDITION

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Comptroller of the Currency Central District

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

ASSETS

	Thousands of dollars
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,234
Interest-bearing balances	862
Securities	16,923
Federal funds sold	0
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	0
Loans and leases (financing receivables):	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	28,452
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	440
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0
Assets held in trading accounts	38,013
Prepaid and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	929
Other real estate owned	687
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Intangible assets	0
Other assets	1,113
Total assets	59,539
Loans deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	0
Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	59,539

LIABILITIES

Deposits:	
In domestic offices	50,753
Noninterest-bearing	0
Interest-bearing	16,958
Federal funds purchased	0
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	2,125
Notes and bills issued to the U.S. Treasury	0
Other borrowed money	0
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	0
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
Other liabilities	680
Total liabilities	53,980
Limited-life preferred stock and related surplus	0

EQUITY CAPITAL

Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	50
Surplus	350
Undivided profits and capital reserves	5,511
LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities	0
Total equity capital	5,911
Loans deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	0
Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	5,911
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	59,539

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

J. James V. Folger

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of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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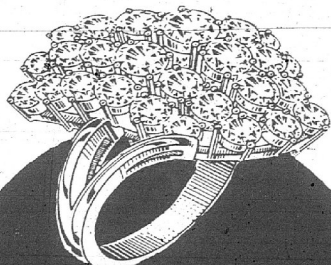
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Birthday celebration draws crowd; Jolly Quilters meet

Maxine Duniphan covers the Mitchell area for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 931-2714.

Shelly Colbert celebrated her 15th birthday Sunday, Jan. 20, surrounded by family and friends. She was the guest of honor at a party hosted by her parents Tom and Nancy Colbert at their home 665 Chouteau Ave.

Present were Shelly's sister Mandy and her grandparents Jack and Lucy Colbert, Wanda Rinehart. Also attending were Jim and Theresa, Kelley and daughter, Jennifer, Jeff and

Missy Hickam and son, Tommy, Bob and Pam Rinehart, Ron and Deb Rinehart and children Josh, Ronnie and Sara, John and Pam Maran and children, Amy and Joey, Dan and June Rinehart and sons, Blake and Clay, Christine Kelley and son, Jacob, David and Lisa Badgett, Lisa and Chris Rode, Brenda Holmes and Sheri DeVore.

Several members of the Chouteau Township Senior Citizens Club met Thursday evening at the Township Social Center, 906 N. Thorngate Dr. There the



Maxine Duniphan

group divided into two groups. One group participated in the Line Dance class being taught by Bea Stenitzer and Cissie Pingel. The other group gathered at the opposite end of building for a craft class being taught by Pau-

line Hanson. Pauline is teaching the ladies No-sew applique. The two groups meet on alternate Thursdays. The next meeting will be today (Jan. 31) at 7 p.m.

The Jolly Quilters who meet at the Chouteau Township Social Center every Thursday morning, have been unable to meet since the Christmas break due to inclement weather, met Jan. 17. The quilters and a few of the other seniors who join them each Thursday for the fellowship and to assist them with putting the

quilts in the frame, and marking them, and making the coffee, were treated to a ham and bean soup dinner, a surprise from Sally and Ferd Segar. Deserts were furnished by Betty McGinnis and Emily Jones.

Clifford and Maxine Duniphan of Chouteau Avenue had her three sisters, Ada Coburn and her husband, Steve of Springfield, Ill. Eula Beck of St. Louis and Lucy Colbert of Mitchell as guests Sunday. Following dinner the men watched a football game and the sisters enjoyed a

competitive game of Scrabble.

Members of Faith Chapel General Baptist Church met in the church fellowship hall, 664 Ashland Ave., Saturday evening. There they shared a chili supper and some good old fashioned fellowship.

Diane Gaines, the pastor's wife, received a birthday cake and gifts in honor of her birthday. The group enjoyed sharing the cake and her special day with her.

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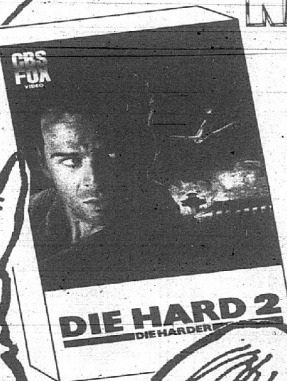
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THIS WEEK'S NEW RELEASES

- The Church
- Steel and Lace
- Project Alien
- Sweet Hostage
- The Return
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Obituaries

Forgy

James E. Forgy, 62, of Cahokia died Monday, Jan. 28, 1991, at his residence.

Born June 1, 1928, in Louisville, Ky., he retired from Chrysler Corp. He was a member of New Testament Baptist Church of Cahokia and United Auto Workers Local 136.

Survivors include his wife, Doris J. (McLwain) Forgy; two sons, Glendon "Pete" Forgy of Freeburg and Donald Forgy of Fulton, Ill.; four daughters, Gail McClure of Ava, Ill., Debra Hartmann of St. Clair, Mo., Deanna Owens of Granite City and Maria Schweigert of Red Bud; his mother, Christine Forgy of Louisville; a brother, William Forgy of Louisville; four sisters, Nellie Bailey of Madison, Tenn., Geneva Brignac of Hendersonville, Tenn., Dorothy Crawford of Hopkinsville, Ky., and Barbara McClain of Erin, Tenn.; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Pastor Gary E. Forgy, and by his father, Cecil G. Forgy.

Visitation was held Wednesday at Braun Colonial Funeral Home, Cahokia. Funeral services were held today at New Testament Baptist Church, Cahokia, by the Rev. Jeffrey Brady. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

The family suggests memorials to the Forgy Educational Building of New Testament Baptist Church, or to Hospice of Southern Illinois, Belleville.

Wilkerson

Leslie Wilkerson, 73, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 3 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He had been ill for six years and a patient for one month.

Born July 3, 1917, in St. Louis, he resided in Granite City for many years.

Mr. Wilkerson was a retired agent from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He was a treasurer of Long Lake Volunteer Fire Department for over 20 years and member of the First Presbyterian Church in Madison.

Survivors include his wife, Eunice (Hicks) Wilkerson of Granite City; two sons, George Wilkerson of Granite City, and Tom Wilkerson of Collinsville; one daughter, Mrs. Victor (Margaret) Gehling of Madison; two sisters, Edna of Streamwood, Ill., and Nina Bonuso of Edwardsville; one brother, Clemy Marler of Williams, Mo.; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Pastor Gary E. Forgy, and by his father, Cecil G. Forgy.

Visitation was held Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, 3560 Maryville Road, where funeral services will be today (Thursday) at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Charles Schwenke officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

The family suggests memorials to the Forgy Educational Building of New Testament Baptist Church, or to Hospice of Southern Illinois, Belleville.

Sparks

Joseph H. Sparks, 73, of Fairview Heights, formerly of Granite City, died at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, 1991, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

Born Nov. 29, 1917, in Waverly, Ky., he resided in Granite City for about 25 years. He was an electrician at Granite City Steel before retiring.

Survivors include one son, Ronnie of Panama City, Fla.; three sisters, Peggy Belsher and Frances Shelton, both of Granite City, and Jeanne Carmody of Jacksonville, Ill.; three brothers, Charles and Vernon Sparks, both of Collinsville, and Tom Sparks of Mammoth Spring, Ark.; and one grandson.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy.

His remains were cremated. Private services were held for family members.

A Catholic Memorial Mortuary in Fairview Heights was in charge of arrangements.

Willcockson

Darrell Willcockson, 92, of Jonesboro, Ark., died Monday night, Jan. 28, 1991, at his residence.

He was born Jan. 13, 1899, in Paragould, Ark. Mr. Willcockson was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include one sister, Vasta Williams of Madison; one son, James Darrell Willcockson, and two daughters, Goldie Brown and Betty Jumper, all of Jonesboro, one nephew, Gene Williams of Madison; three nieces, Pansy Cray, of Madison, Glenda Stabile of Granite City and Mildred Johnson of Edwardsville; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Willcockson.

Funeral services will be today (Thursday afternoon) at Mitchell Funeral Home in Paragould, Ark.

Water

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tion of the Mississippi River required adjustment in the treatment of water at the Granite City and East St. Louis water treatment plants, the spokesman said.

"They've been treating the water for a couple of days and it should take a couple of more days to filter through the system."

"We should see a change in the water conditions and taste by tomorrow (Thursday) or Friday," Lee said.

Opinions vary on impact of computerized home loans

By Roger McGrath
Correspondent

In the not-distant brave new world of real estate, home buyers, after a hectic day of making an offer on a house and agreeing to a purchase price, will return to the real estate office, sit down in front of a computer at their agent's desk and fill out a mortgage application which could be processed in minutes.

"That day isn't far off," some local real estate agents say.

The missing ingredient is the computerized loan originator, or CLO, system which the Realtor would subscribe to. They now are being tested in Washington, D.C., and Dallas and could come into widespread use as early as next year.

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, which has jurisdiction over CLOs, has given its official sanction to the concept with the test programs and has promised to release final CLO regulations by January. One of the rules currently will be a requirement that the CLOs list more than one lender so that home buyers have a selection and are not steered

Cats

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three or four at a time would sun themselves on the roof.

After the fire, the cats returned to the house and Rankin returned each day to feed them. She told a reporter she was worried because the cats were accustomed to being in the heated building and were now getting cold.

The cats had brought then-City Inspector Vince Scrum to Rankin's home in 1988. Neighborhood complaints were backed up by Granite City police, who were at the house on an unrelated matter and reported that the cats had rustled the kitchen cabinets.

Rankin refused to let Detective in the house and denied having more than the three cats allowed by law. At that time and several more times through the years, animal control officers from the Inspection Department trapped free-running cats from around the house, but were unable to take any other action, records show.

Rankin told a reporter she started keeping all the cats indoors because "the city now pound had started taking them away. Rankin said she never attempted to retrieve any of the

captured cats.

City Inspector Vince Scrum said this week the department has continued its attempts to get the cats out of her cats, but she refused to let his employees in the house or admit she owned any of the cats picked up by his employees in the neighborhood.

Last May, responding to complaints by neighbors, Building Inspector John Jakich inspected the exterior of Rankin's house. Based on his condition, the city began condemnation efforts.

"Really, I thought it could still be saved and tried to get her to get it repaired through Madison County Community Development," Jakich said. "But she wouldn't cooperate."

This week, Jakich said, he was inside the house for the first time, but couldn't do a real inspection.

"I was going to throw up," he said. "Have you been in there?"

But Jakich said that termite damage revealed when firefighters tore off siding showed the building is beyond repair.

Jakich said Rankin refused all certified letters from the city and had to be tracked down to be served summons. She missed several court dates already, Jakich alleged, and is scheduled to

Wydra prioritized the objectives of the mission as follows: "First, to establish ongoing lines of communication with Mexican transportation officials (rail, trucking and maritime) and government agencies. Mexican transportation and government officials will become a liaison between southwestern Illinois and Mexican businesses."

"Second, to specifically focus on a group of Mexican officials who will be making a return visit to southwestern Illinois in June."

"And third, to identify products and companies which U.S. companies may not be familiar with now, but would be interested in working with in the future."

The busy agenda for the mission includes 24 meetings over a four-day period. There are also opportunities planned for follow-

ing after the other," Davis says.

Moreover, in today's fast-paced society populated with two-income families, there is little time for the age-old practice of calling all over town to find the best interest rate or the mortgage vehicle that best fits the buyers' needs. "There has to be a better way," Davis says. "We're still selling buggy whips in the jet age."

Yet age or not, much of the paperwork is not going to evaporate just because CLOs are coming on the scene, mortgage bankers say. Besides, there is a reason for those additional requests for paperwork, says Mike Schmeltz, vice president of Boatmen's Mortgage, the home-lending arm of Boatmen's Bank.

He offers this example: A borrower says he has \$10,000 in his savings account. Fannie Mae and the other federal agencies that purchase mortgages from lenders, which replenishes the lenders' coffers so they can make more home loans, require the borrower's bank to document that fact.

be in court on Friday.

"I don't know if she'll show," Jakich said. "But even if she does it'll be at least another two weeks before we can get anything done. But that thing needs to come down."

During the course of his dealings with Rankin, Jakich said, he, Scrum and Assistant City Attorney Sue Bacon tried to get Rankin help in locating a new place to live through several social agencies, but Rankin rebuffed their efforts.

"We pretty much exhausted everything available," he said. "Maybe the fire was for the best. We don't know what you can do when people refuse to be helped."

Kasann, who is staying with her aunt and uncle, decided she couldn't take any of the cats with her. She called Scrum, who prodded her with cages and traps.

Scrum called Phyllis Kelly at the Granite City Animal Society for the Protection of Animals and Kelly, after seeing the cats, decided the APA would accept them.

Anyone wanting to adopt a cat or kitten may contact the Granite City APA at 931-7030 or Phyllis Kelly at 931-0077.

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Stamps

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"It seems they just suggest it and if it's not good, they cancel it. Nobody ever gets to vote on it," Heath said.

Charles Heath, director of Granite City, was also leaving the post office about noon yesterday. "I don't like it at all," he commented on the increase.

Rosalina Jenkins said the higher postage rate will take the pleasure out of sending cards to friends.

"I think it's ridiculous and I am disappointed. What's going to happen is we are not going to be able to mail Christmas cards and greeting cards."

"It takes all the pleasure out of sending someone a card when you have to put a 29-cent stamp on it," Jenkins said.

Harold Love of Granite City handles public relations information for Eagles Aerie 1128. He deals with the Eagles' national publication in Milwaukee and said the additional four cents is going to make mailing the items "pretty expensive."

"Mail service is getting worse and from what I can see the service is going down and the price is going up," Love said.

His wife, Margie, is a sales representative for Busch Glass in St. Louis, and has a lot of mail going out to insurance companies.

"It's going to make a big difference in her business," he said.

Love has experienced some mail getting lost and other mail not being received. "That's just between Granite City and St. Louis," he said.

The six-month cost to rent a small post office box also goes up Sunday, from \$14 to \$21.50. The Postal Service box fee was too cheap compared to private companies offering the same type of service who were charging considerably more, Parkinson explained.

"The U.S. Postal Service handles more mail than a combination of any three other nations in the free world," the postmaster said. "We deliver more mail every year than any other nation."

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Goldie Marsh

Goldie (Kirkland) Marsh, 71, of Granite City died at 2:05 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She had been in the hospital for nine days and ill two years.

Born Dec. 4, 1919, in Dover, Tenn., she lived in Granite City since 1942. She was a member of the West 22nd Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Arlie Marsh of Granite City; one son, Alderman Tom Candler of Granite City; two daughters, Mrs. Jim (Louise) Amerson of Swainsboro, Ga., and Mrs. Earl (Pat) Toney of Granite City; two brothers, George Kirkland of Indian Mound, Tenn., and Charles Kirkland of Clarksville, Tenn.; five sisters: Mrs. John (Glenda) Jender and Mrs. James (Gustie) Mann, both of Clarksville, Mrs. Charles (Edna) Light of Hendersonville, Tenn., and Miss Robbie Kirkland and Mrs. John (Mavis) McPherson, both of Woodlawn, Tenn.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Dolly Candler.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. today at Thomas Mortuaries, 2205 Pontoon Road, where funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

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Whiteside-Miller

Lance Cpl. Len W. Whiteside II and Laurie Miller are announcing their marriage that took place Dec. 27, 1990, at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The bride is the daughter of Patricia Durkin and Ronnie Durkin, both of Granite City. Whiteside is the son of Len and Mary (Moad) Whiteside of Piedmont, Mo.

Whiteside left for then Operation Desert Shield on Dec. 31.



Lance Cpl. and Mrs. Len W. Whiteside II

James-Krull

Jennifer Ann James, daughter of Ivan and Patricia James of Lutesville, Mo., and Russell W. Krull, son of David and Carol Krull, of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

James, of Glen Carbon, is a 1990 graduate of Meadow Heights High School in Patton, Mo. She resides with her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. (Cheryl) James Goodman, in Glen Carbon and is employed by Motel 6 of Collinsville.

Her fiancé Krull is a 1986 graduate of Granite City Senior High School and is employed by Collins and Herman of Florissant, Mo.

The couple is planning a June 1991 wedding at Tri City Park Tabernacle in Granite City.



Jennifer James and Russell Krull

•Madison

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The Happy Strings Tamburitza band had a Christmas party in December at Croation Home. Gifts were given to the instructors Marilyn Boner and Norma Belcoff. Gifts were also given to Jason, Kristen and Jimmy Yob.

Arnie Anstich, Erin Davis, Judy Hoover, Chris Hartman, Brian and Matthew Werner, Christina Obrenski and Michael Hartman.

The Happy Strings will be having a dance at Croation Home on Sunday, Feb. 3 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., music by the Heritage Band.

Plans were made for a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Feb. 24 at the Madison Recreation Center from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets will be \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for 12-and-under. The breakfast will be "all you can eat" with carryouts available.

It was voted on to support the National Council Woman candidate Lillian Dolly Mayer.

The club will support Operation Homefront. The group will be sending packages to all hometown Madison male and females serving in Saudi Arabia. If you have someone in Operation Desert Storm please call Eleanor Armour 876-0355 or Mabel Cochran 451-9461.

Others attending were Tina Cochran, Laura Mullum, Jeanie Scholman, Dorothy Chomko, Sandy Barnett, Carol Hamm, Michele Schmitt, Amanda Dollar, Tiffany Dollar, Lillian Armour, Karen Armour.

Luke 11:35 ... "Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness."

There is lately a definite turning to the Scriptures by a multitude of persons seeking the truth. Wisdom dictates that we need qualified spiritual leaders to guide us in our search. To simply read the Bible without preparing our hearts and minds to receive from God is to deny ourselves the truth it contains.

There are so many misquotations of Scripture that it is easy to see the meaning of Jesus' statement: the light in you could be darkness if you are not careful. Let us take heed to God's Word. Let us search for the will of God as we study His Word. Let the light in you be light! Have a good week.

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Marriage licenses

The following marriage licenses were recently issued by Madison County Clerk Evelyn Bowles:

Kerry Alan Andrews and Terri Sue Leverett, both of Granite City.

Reginald L. Battle and Geneatha Battle, both of Madison.

Keith Alan Herring of Florissant, Mo., and Carolyn Lee Hottel of Granite City.

Alan Dale Hoffman and Charis

Lee Scaggs, both of Granite City.
John J. Long and Pamela Sue Marshall, both of Granite City.

Dale L. Parker and Dawn M. Lengyel, both of Granite City.

Ward Michael Stroehmer and Karen Renee Dunbar, both of Granite City.

Cameron Durrel West and Lynetta Dawn Adler, both of Granite City.

Members initiated

The 1st Degree Team composed of James DeRuntz, John Straubinger, John Vasiloff, John Moran, Jim Hawkins, John Stanfill and Kenny Gattund initiated Donald J. Robinson and Tom Miller into the 1st Degree of the Knights of Columbus 1088 at the Jan. 22 meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

These members and others will take the 2nd and 3rd Degree at Highland, Ill., on Feb. 3. Also present was District Deputy Elmer Bernhardt.

THE LAW AND YOU

BY RICK REED
Attorney At Law

When parents are obtaining a dissolution of marriage, there is sometimes a dispute regarding custody of the children. Sometimes a compromise solution is proposed whereby the custody of the children would be split between the parties. Illinois Courts decide custody disputes based on the "best interest of the children." Furthermore, several cases decided in this state have indicated that it is usually in the best interest of the children that they not be separated. In certain circumstances, however, separation of the children may be necessary to meet the needs of the children.

In one recent case, the mother was a university professor and the father was a social worker. Two sons were born of the marriage. At the time of the divorce, the Court found that it was in the best interest of all the parties that the oldest son remain with the father and the youngest son be awarded to the mother.

The testimony which led the Court to reach this conclusion consisted of the father's statement that the oldest son wished to live with him. The father further testified that this child's relationship with his mother was stressful, and that there was continual

fighting between the mother and her oldest son. The mother testified that the children often fought with each other. However, she felt that the relationship between the children was improving. A psychologist testified on behalf of the mother and stated that she felt the mother was capable of handling both children.

When the trial Court decided to split the custody of the children, the mother took the case on appeal and argued that the children should stay together. The Appellate Court noted that in cases regarding custody, it is usually in the best interest of the children that they be kept together. However, in this case, the Court felt that there was sufficient evidence to support the trial Court's decision to split custody between the parties.

The Appellate Court based its decision on the fact that the two boys did not get along with each other. In addition, the Court also noted that the oldest son preferred to live with his father. Finally, the Appellate Court felt it was important that the boys would be spending every weekend together. For all these reasons, the decision of the trial Court was upheld, and the custody of the boys was split between the parties.

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Timing, weather bad for 'Big River'

Bad timing, cold weather and critical word-of-mouth comments by patrons are being cited by many officials as reasons "Big River" ran off-course at the box office, drawing only 17,971 people during an eight-performance run between Jan. 15 and 20 at the Fox.

The show opened on the day the United Nations had set as a deadline for Saddam Hussein to withdraw from Kuwait; war in the Persian Gulf broke out the second day of the show's run. The average attendance of 2,246 patrons per performance, which included paid and complimentary tickets, is 52 percent of the theater's seating capacity.

BAN ON CHILDREN BEING CONSIDERED

American Multi Cinema, operators of five AMC theaters in St. Louis, is experimenting in Washington, D.C., and Kansas City, Mo., with a new policy that would ban children age 6 and under from viewing PG-13 or R-rated films.

The ban is part of the chain's "Silence is Golden" program, which is designed to keep down noise in theaters showing adult subject matter, said a spokesman in the Kansas City headquarters of the nation's second-largest chain. The policy was prompted by the results of a survey that shows noise during a film is a major concern of adults.

Bob Stanzw, AMC's district manager, said local officials are discussing whether or not the program should be implemented here and soon will make a decision. If instituted, the ban on young children would be one of many moves aimed at insuring the best possible viewing environment, he said.

MASTRANTONIO'S ST. LOUIS MEMORIES

Actress Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, who plays Gene Hackman's daughter in the upcoming film "Class Action," has perhaps less than fond memories about the American Theater in St. Louis.

Mastrantonio played the young, loves-trick Lady Diana in "Copperfield," a musical that opened at the American on March 6, 1981. The show was on its way to Broadway but took time to stop in St. Louis because St. Louis businessman Ben Fickman, chairman of Diversified Industries, bankrolled about half of the show's initial \$1.5 million budget.



Harry Hamm
"We had a terrible time getting the show to fit on the stage at the American," said Mastrantonio, 35. "We actually had a small carousel on stage in Act 2 that turned during one of the musical numbers. On opening night, my costume got caught on something and almost came off in the middle of the song."

The CBS Radio Network Answer: A total of 225 films made in 1990, six more than 1989, are eligible for Academy Award nominations, according to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

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Coolidge names top students

Coolidge Junior High's December Students of the Month were seventh grade Bill Laycock and eighth grad Kelly Thomas.

Bill is a member of the basketball team and Swing Choir. He is also a member of the Illinois Kid Wrestling Association, indoor soccer team and plays Park District baseball.

According to Bill's teachers he is extremely polite and well-mannered. He goes out of his way to be nice to fellow students. He always has his assignments, and participates in class. His attendance is excellent.

His hobbies are go-cart driving and model building.

Bill is the son of Marilyn and Bill Laycock.

Kelly Thomas, an eighth grade student, is very active at Coolidge Junior High. She is an office worker, cheerleader, treasurer for Student Council and a hopeful for the girl's basketball team. She also enjoys playing soccer.

Kelly's teachers say she is cooperative, eager and has a pleasant attitude. "The kind of student you love to teach."

Kelly is the daughter of Carla and Charles Thomas.



Kelly Thomas
... active in school



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Krakowiecki on dean's list

Christina Krakowiecki, a sophomore at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., achieved Dean's list honors for the Fall semester. She received a 3.67 grade point average on a 4 point scale.

A 1989 graduate of Granite City High School, Christina is an Electrical Engineering Major and is the daughter of Casey and Georgann Krakowiecki.

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Students compete for scholarships

JACKSONVILLE — Students from Alton, Belleville, Granite City and several other metro-east communities participated during December in the annual Honor Scholarship Competition sponsored by Illinois College in Jacksonville.

A record total of 128 students completed the exam, which tested contestants in the areas of the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. The turnout

included 56 students from 14 different high schools in the metro-east region.

The academic competition, which brings together students from across Illinois and the midwest, offers merits scholarships ranging in value up to \$24,000 over four years.

Illinois College each year sponsors an academic competition open to college-bound high school seniors who meet stringent guidelines. The program offers a 12 major scholarships, including four full-tuition awards and eight half-tuition stipends. Each scholarship is renewable for four years.

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